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AMENDED CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING

1. (Amended) A sensor system [having a sensor and a controller for controlling supply of electrical power to said sensor means, accepting output from said sensor, and performing desired processing, said sensor system] comprising:

a sensor having a sensor power input and an output for supplying a sensor output;

[said] a controller including:

a power-supply switch for switching on or off [the] <u>a</u> supply of electrical power to said sensor <u>power input;</u> and

a control circuit for <u>receiving and processing said sensor</u>
<u>output and for turning off said power-supply switch [in response to acceptance of] when said control circuit accepts the <u>sensor</u> output from said sensor.</u>

- 2. (Amended) The sensor system of claim 1, wherein said sensor is a distance measurement sensor [having] <u>including</u> a light projection means, a driver circuit for supplying an emission signal to said light projection means, and a light-receiving means for receiving light arising from light projected from said light projection means, and wherein said controller starts acceptance of the <u>sensor</u> output from said sensor according to said emission signal.
 - 3. (Amended) The sensor system of claim 2, wherein:
- [(A)] said sensor includes an open collector type output terminal as said ouput for producing said sensor output,
- [(B)]said controller further includes a series combination of a resistor and a switching means,
- [(C)] said series combination is connected between said output terminal and a power supply,[
- (D)] and a voltage developed at a terminal between said [resistor] series combination and said output terminal is accepted as the sensor output from said sensor, and
- [(E)] said control circuit turns on or off said switching means [according to] based on operation of said emission signal.

4. (Amended) The sensor system of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein said controller enters a standby state of low power consumption in response to [the] an end of said [desired] processing of said sensor output.